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**129th Legislature (2018-2020)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 1859 / HP1330

An Act To Increase Access to Justice and Maine's Rural Lawyer Workforce by Expanding Student Attorney Practice Opportunities. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) Presented by Representative BAILEY of Saco. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. Public Hearing 02/04/20. OTP-AM Accepted 02/27/20. Amended by: CA H-690. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 03/17/20, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 597.

**Original Bill**

[LD 1859 \(129th Legis. 2020\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law**

[LD 1859 / PL 2019, c. 597](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

- (Master file available on request—please include citation: cf129-LD-1859.pdf)  
[Public Hearing \(committee page >> audio file\) \(LD 1859\) \(JUD\) \(2/4/2020\)](#)  
[Work Session \(committee page >> audio file\) \(LD 1859\) \(JUD\) \(2/6/2020\)](#)
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**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(H-690\) \(LD 1859 2020\) \(Passed\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, January 8, 2020 \(H1126-1160\)](#)

- p. H-1128

[SENATE, January 8, 2020 \(S1289-1325\)](#)

- p. S-1319

[HOUSE, February 25, 2020 \(H1262-1274\)](#)

- p. H-1273 (Amendment(s) H-690)

[SENATE, February 27, 2020 \(S1471-1486\)](#)

- p. S-1479 (Amendment(s) H-690)

[SENATE, March 3, 2020 \(S1487-1503\)](#)

- p. S-1495 (Amendment(s) H-690)

[HOUSE, March 5, 2020 \(H1291-1302\)](#)

- p. H-1301 (Amendment(s) H-690)

[SENATE, March 10, 2020 \(S1525-1547\)](#)

- p. S-1543 (Amendment(s) H-690)

**Enacted Law or Resolve**

[PL 2019, c. 597](#)

**News Articles**

Scholars Strategy Network- Don't let rural Maine become a 'legal desert' (Deirdre M. Smith)  
(Kennebec Journal, 4/28/2020, p. A9) • (Available on request—please include citation:  
129/LD18xx/nc129-LD-1859/KJ 200428A.pdf)

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